

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~IMPLICIT-EXPLICIT SWITCHING FOR FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS~~

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ABSTRACT

A method for performing a finite element simulation. The method includes switching between an implicit method and an explicit method ~~one or more times~~ during the finite element simulation. By switching between the implicit and explicit methods during a simulation, an accurate solution can be obtained quickly and reliably.